Verity & Me

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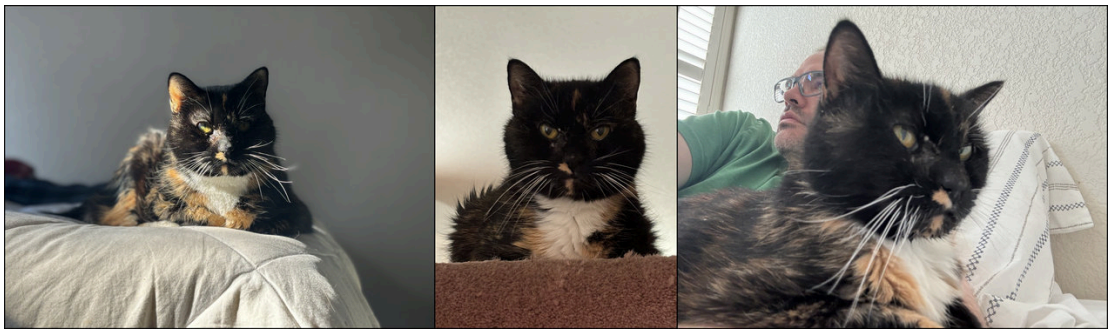

It's been a bit of a somber period for us, as we had to say goodbye to one of our kitties last Sunday. It feels like I was just writing similar announcements when we lost kitties in the past, like Mickey in February 2023 and Athena in April 2022, and it never gets easy.

We adopted Verity, a senior tortie with some health issues, along with her bonded friend Angel in December 2022 from the same San José rescue from which we adopted Athena in October 2018. We wanted to continue honoring Athena's memory by caring for another senior that seemed unlikely to find a home due to being older than what most seek when adopting. When we heard about Verity and Angel, we realized that they would have even more difficulty finding a home, given that they were *two* seniors, rather than just one, and with some known issues (Verity—*mild to moderate kidney and heart disease*, and Angel —*spinal compression and some neurological issues including deafness*). As such, they were perfect for us. Over time, we got the distinct sense that Verity was Angel's mother. We still don't really know for sure, but they certainly had that relationship. Verity acted as a devoted mother to Angel, and they spent most of their time snuggling together in beds that barely contained them, often with Angel barreling in and having a very poor sense of space.

Our time with Verity was simply too short, as she was with us for just a little over two years. During that brief period, she had a fairly major health scare that required hospitalization last June, but she did make a full recovery. Nevertheless, it did seem that we were concerned with one thing or another with her for nearly her entire time with us, as she certainly knew how to drive us to no limits for her continued care and wellbeing. She, similar to seniors that we have had in the past, like Athena and Ginger, had undemanding desires each day, seeking simple pleasures and our constant companionship. We certainly think that she was much older than her listed age at the time of adoption (11), and that makes us feel somewhat more at ease. Her past before us, for the most part, remains largely unknown, but we are comforted knowing that her golden years were spent relaxing each day with us at her beck and call, and with Angel, whatever their relationship, always close by her—*sometimes maybe even annoyingly so for her*. Angel too has created concern for us, with her spinal issue progressing and leaving her with much more limited mobility over the past six months. Given this recent loss for all of us, we are being sure to attend to Angel even more, as it is difficult to know how much of a difference she senses and exactly how long they were a bonded pair. For her part, she continues to be her happy, loving self, and that is all that we can ask.

Our home is now a little more quiet without Verity's presence, *both in terms of sound and in terms of mental concern*, but we take comfort that her decline from kidney disease was quite rapid and obvious, with us knowing that nothing else could be done. We were sure to promise her that we would continue to look after Angel just as she had. I have no doubt in my mind that we will carry on in the future with opening up our home and hearts to seniors in need, knowing that we inevitably reach this point much sooner than with younger pets. But Verity, along with Angel, as well as our past seniors, Ginger and Athena, have all shown us that the focus should be on the care, comfort, and stability that we can provide in their final years, and not on how long that time is.

As for this mid-month upload, it all came together in fairly short order this past weekend. I wasn't entirely sure that it would take place, but I knew that it would serve as a good distraction as well as a way to honor Verity's memory. Here are a few of the highlights for this upload...

GERMANY. Augsburg. Engraved brass and wood perpetual calendar. Issued circa 1675.

GERMANY. Saxony. Reformation silver Medal. Issued 1817 for the 300th anniversary of the Reformation in Dresden on October 31. **PCGS SP-63**.

GREAT BRITAIN. Lincoln Cathedral bronze Medal. Issued 1856. Most Remarkable Edifices of Europe series. **NGC MS-63 Brown**.

GERMANY. Ferdinand Adolf Heinrich August Graf von Zeppelin silver Medal. Issued 1929. Commemorating the world tour of the LZ-127 Graf Zeppelin. **PCGS SP-65**.

FRANCE. "Phonographe" Art Deco bronze Medal.

GREAT BRITAIN, IRAN & CANADA. "Hands and Grille I" cast gilt bronze openwork Plaque. Issued 2006.

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